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1. FOLLOWING IN PARA TWO IS AN INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF A STATEMENT ISSUED TODAY BY THE THREE DUTCHMEN REFERRED TO IN THE MCCLOY REPORT. OF THE THREE (DR. F.A. HOOGENDIJK, EDITOR IN CHIEF OF THE WEEKLY NEWS MAGAZINE "ELSEWIERS;" DR. W.K. N. SCHMELZER, A FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER; AND B. ROOLVINK, STATE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS IN THE LAST GOVERNMENT) ONLY ONE, ROOLVINK IS NOW IN GOVERNMENT. ROOLVINK IS A MEMBER OF THE LOWER HOUSE FOR THE ANTI-REVOLUTIONARY PARTY. THE REVELATION OF THEIR ROLES AS GULF ADVISORS IS NOT LIKELY TO DAMAGE ANY OF THE THREE.

2. BEGIN TRANSLATION: IN THE LAST FEW DAYS A NUMBER OF PUBLICATIONS HAVE APPEARED IN CONNECTION WITH THE REPORT ABOUT GULF OIL OF THE AMERICAN INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE HEADED BY MCCLOY. MENTION WAS MADE OF THREE NETHERLANDERS. NEITHER THE MCCLOY COMMITTEE NOR GULF--GIVEN THE CONTENTS OF THE REPORT--FOUND REASON TO MAKE THE NAMES OF THE DUTCHMEN PUBLIC. AFTER ALL IT CONCERNED, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT AND AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. MCCLOY, A LEGAL BUSINESS TRANSACTION. IT IS NOT CUSTOMARY FOR SUCH CONSULTATIONS TO BE MADE PUBLIC. SINCE, HOWEVER, THERE IS NOW SPECULATION IN WHICH NAMES ARE BEING SUGGESTED, WE WISH TO DECLARE,

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AFTERCONSULTATION WITH GULF EUROPE, THAT DURING A CERTAIN PERIOD

--FOR EACH OF US A DIFFERENT ONE--WEHAVE, AT GULF'S REQUEST,
GIVEN ADVISE. GIVEN THE FACT THAT ONE OF S WAS OUT OF THE
COUNTRY UNTIL YESTERDAY, IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO MAKE THE ANNOUNCE-
MENT EARLIER. END TRANSLATION.
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